

**DISTRICT VI  
ADVISORY BOARD  
Minutes**

**Monday  
January 8, 2001  
7:00 p.m.**

**Evergreen Recreation Center  
2700 N. Woodland**

**Members Present**

John Van Walleghen  
Sharon Fearey  
Bob Schreck  
Tony Rangel  
Gregory Chinn  
Bickley Foster  
Doratheia Sloan  
Clarence Wiley  
Linda Matney  
Wendell Turner

**Members Absent**

Veronica Casados

**Guests**

Terry Smythe  
Bob Knapp  
Pancho Bustos  
Keith Koontz  
Beverly Koontz

**Council Member Cole** called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and welcomed guests and asked DAB members to introduce him or herself and identify the area or association represented.

Also included were individual introductions of the audience. Attending this evening's meeting was a Boy Scout Troop working on the merit badge "Citizenship in Community". A requirement for the boys to receive the badge was to attend a governmental group meeting. Their attendance at tonight's DAB meeting was welcomed.

After introductions were complete, **Council Member Cole** asked for approval of the December 4, 2000 minutes. The minutes were approved as submitted. (**Schreck/Foster 10-0**)

**Council Member Cole** asked to approve modifies or amends to the agenda presented. **Cole** asked to add

**Item 5:** C & D Landfill at Brooks

**Item 6:** Multicultural Neighborhood Center

**Item 7:** Volunteers for meeting with Captain Jon Zumalt, Internal Affairs Division

**Item 8:** District Advisory Board Survey.

Amendments to the agenda were approved. (**Schreck/VanWalleghen 10-0**)

**PUBLIC AGENDA**

*No items were submitted.*

## **PLANNING**

1. ***ZON2000-00052-zone change “SF6” to “LI” for future limited industrial development. Generally located on the SE. Corner of Arkansas Avenue and 53<sup>rd</sup> Street North.***

*Terry Smythe, Baughman Company*, representative for Matthias and Patricia Eck, was present to ask for support of the DAB to approve the zone change. Mr. Smythe stated that the applicants have agreed to these conditions: 1) Will not open a business until the sewer system will be available to this area; 2) Will agree to follow provision #1 stating what uses will not be permitted for this site; 3) No other business will be allowed to open until a sewer system is in place; 4) Follow all provisions included in the MAPC approval.

**Dale Miller, Planning** staff was present to answer any questions pertaining to the Planning item, along with commenting that the City agrees to the approval of the zone change with the provisions considered.

**Member Fearey** asked what a reverse vending machine was?

**Member Foster** stated it was a can eater or recycles.

**Member Sloan** asked what was the solution to the sewer problem?

*Mr. Smythe* stated that it would be one mile of sewer and could cost \$250,000 to have the sewer installed. Possibly a large group of people would like to petition for the sewer system.

**Member Rangel** commented if the sewer extension was on the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)?

**Mr. Miller** stated he was not sure if this had ever been discussed.

**Member Foster** stated he did not see how this area could ever be residential.

Recommendation: Motion of staff recommendation and conditions applied are approved.  
(**Foster/Schreck 10-0**)

## **COUNCIL AGENDA**

2. **Future Use of Abandoned Union Pacific Rail Corridor from Park School to 11<sup>th</sup> Street**

**Dave Barber, Planning staff** was present to show maps pertaining to this topic and discuss future plans for the abandoned Union Pacific Rail Corridor. This is a concept that staff has been reviewing. Also collaboration between the Genealogical

Society, Historic Midtown Citizens Association and the APEX Company is in process to integrate the railway corridor into a greenway system. The greenway path would travel from Park School North to 13<sup>th</sup> Street. This would allow linkage between the schools and Otis Park.

The *APEX Company* would expand their facility costing millions of dollars and allow for increased employment. Included would be requirements that were agreed upon such as rod iron fencing.

**Member Fearey** attended meetings pertaining to titled subject and stated that the *APEX Company* came to *Historic Midtown Association* to discuss the proposal of expanding. This is a welcomed proposal as many of *APEX* employees live in the neighborhood. Many people can walk to work and the park would be accessible without having to cross streets.

**Member Foster** asked what kind of trail this would be? **Mr. Barber** responded a pedestrian and bike trail. 10ft concrete wide pathways and enhancements would also be included.

**Council Member Cole** stated that this had been a great compromise for all three parties and is pleased with the process.

Recommendation: Motion of policy to City Council to receive the report of future use of east side abandoned rail corridor right-of-way and recommend use for bike and hike trail as identified. (**Fearey/Matney 10-0**)

Additional motion: Motion to show appreciation to the three parties (Genealogical Society; Historic Midtown Citizens Association and APEX Company) working together. (**Matney/VanWalleghen 10-0**)

**Council Member Cole and Neighborhood Assistant Terri Dozal**, will develop a letter of appreciation to be sent to the parties involved.

**Member Fearey** stated appreciation of City staff for their involvement in this process.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

3. **Proposed paving for 24<sup>th</sup> Street North between Hood and Salina**

Gene Rath, Public Works staff was present to discuss the proposed paving plan. This plan was brought before the DAB around six months ago, but the request was to close the street. A petition recently passed through the area shows some support to pave and not close 24th street. Hood to Payne Streets showed support. Payne to Salina Streets did not show support. Mr. Rath stated that this is not a valid majority petition to take to City Council. Some recommendations Mr. Rath stated are:

1. Proceed with paving only one block
2. Hold a public hearing about this project.

3. The Wichita City Council could order in the paving for the remaining street.
4. DAB VI could recommend to City Council to order in paving of the streets.
5. See where the discussion takes us tonight.

At this time, Council Member Cole asked for anyone in the audience to comment on this topic.

*Bob Knapp, 2449 N. Salina*, has lived in the area since 1952. Mr. Knapp opposes the paving. His reasons are:

1. Kids use the street to walk to Cloud Elementary. This way they do not have to go to 25<sup>th</sup> Street.
2. Disagrees that paving would improve drainage.
3. He did not ever see a petition.
4. Wear and tear on vehicles as the street is not well trafficked.
5. Road not maintained well. Possible 3-4 times a year, grading is done.
6. Reducing maintenance costs for paved streets.
7. Not all the costs to be spent were included in the letter.
8. Big advantage is for the kids to walk to school.

*Cynthia Rios, 2460 N. Hood*, lives in the home on the NW corner where the paving is needed. Ms. Rios carried the petition to all the residents involved stated:

1. The residents who signed the petition are now asking when the paving will be done.
2. The neighborhood community has increased and more traffic.
3. Paved streets would be an improvement to the neighborhood.
4. The paving is long over due.

**Member Matney** asked if sidewalks would be included on either side of streets if paved?

*Mr. Rath* stated no and if neighbors are interested there is a process they need to follow.

**Member Turner** stated he was in support of the paving project.

**Member Foster** supports the paving process for the following reasons:

- a. Not paved streets. Are they really safer for children?
- b. Drainage would be improved.
- c. Maintaining dirt streets costs taxpayers, when they have been around so long.
- d. Only two blocks in the whole area that are not paved.

Recommendation: Motion to recommend approval of both blocks be paved.  
(Foster/Wiley 10-0)

#### 4. **Problem Properties**

- 924, 938 and 930 N. Market: Indoor furniture out on porch- junk

- 1061 N. Market: tree branches by curb since summer
- 104 10th St. Main and 10th NE Corner: 3 BFI trash containers are ALWAYS by curb and over flowing with trash.
- Big Ditch and Womack where a house was torn down. Now a trash dump
- Near Word of Life church south of intersection and turn west. Mobile home; junk; semi-trailer; junk you can see this from interstate. 36th and Edwards.
- 37th and Womer: couch just thrown or fell off on way to dump.

**Member VanWalleghen** thanked *Neighborhood Assistant Terri Dozal*, for her quick response on getting a broken water main fixed in his neighborhood.

Recommendation: Receive and take appropriate action.

**5. C & D Landfill**

**Council Member Cole** indicated to **Member Schreck** to form a group of people and contact *Steve Lackey, Public Works Director*, to go tour possible sites for a C&D Landfill. Other DAB members may be included. **Member's Fearey** and **Sloan** stated they would also assist.

**Member Schreck** inquired if the dirt from streets on the way to landfill could be tested for contamination and will check on this with the appropriate City department.

**6. Multicultural Neighborhood Center**

The Ser Corporation has released the Arts and Crafts Center building located at 25<sup>th</sup> North and Arkansas streets. The Corporation is now asking City Council for a CDBG loan of \$300,000 to assist in purchasing a church at 21<sup>st</sup> and Somerset Streets for training classes. This facility will be much larger and allow for growth. Other non-profit agencies will also be included. A deadline of 9-01-01 has been set for the opening of this facility.

Member Foster asked what do they mean by Multicultural? Council Member Cole responded the facility couldn't be used for only one culture.

Recommendation: Motion to receive and file and have reports as often as possible to follow-up on developments. (Fearey-Turner 10-0)

**7. Citizens Review Process for Internal Affairs**

*Volunteers were asked to assist in the Citizen Review process of the Internal Affairs division with Captain Jon Zumalt. Members Sloan, Matney and Turner will assist. They are to meet prior to the next DAB meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 p.m. in the Mini-City Hall at Evergreen Neighborhood Center.*

**8. DAB Survey**

Neighborhood Assistants handed out a survey pertaining to the DAB process. Results will be tabulated and evaluated to improve services where needed. DAB VI is to return their survey by Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at the next DAB meeting.

**Member Turner** asked if there were any results on the Fireworks issue that was presented to City Council. Possibly DAB VI was the only DAB interested in this subject.

No gunfire was noted in Mr. Turner's area during the New Year festivities.

Council Member Cole mentioned that not all districts have this problem. For the February DAB meeting lets invite Monica Ceden and Carole Bradford to discuss the Celebrate Safely project.

Member VanWalleghen reminded Council Member Cole about the DAB discussing 29<sup>th</sup> Police Beat. The Beat is very large and should be split.

Member Fearey stated that Mr. Pancho Bustos was present earlier to discuss the cell tower close to 33<sup>rd</sup> and Charles. Mr. Bustos left early. Council Member Cole said she would follow-up with him since MAPC and City Council have already approved this issue.

Member Schreck asked the members who would join him in the C&D Landfill tour if they could go on Saturday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terri Dozal  
District VI Neighborhood Assistant